

**2014 MCA Seminar**  
 October 28-29, 2014  
 Shanty Creek Resort, Bellaire, MI



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**Item #1: Introduction**

Born

1977-2008 The EMS/FD/Educator years

2008-2012 MDCH Ed. Coord.

2012-2013 Educator

12/13-??? MDCH EMS Section Manager



Thank you: Diane Bollman and staff, MDCH staff, Gary Canfield

**Five Topics**

1. Regional Coordinators
2. Community Paramedic Special Study
3. Data Collection
4. Declaratory Ruling Explanation Document
5. MI-POST Special Study Termination



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| Benzie         | Lake     | Newaygo   |
| Clare          | Oceana   | Ogemaw    |
| Crawford       | Leelanau | Osceola   |
| Gladwin        | Manistee | Oscoda    |
| Grand Traverse | Mason    | Roscommon |
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| Antrim     | Gogebic   | Montmorency  |
| Baraga     | Houghton  | Ontonagon    |
| Charlevoix | Iron      | Otsego       |
| Cheboygan  | Keweenaw  | Presque Isle |
| Chippewa   | Luce      | Schoolcraft  |
| Delta      | Mackinac  | Wisconsin    |

#### 1. Community Paramedic Special Study

what is community paramedicine?  
 new concept in delivery of pre-hospital care  
 assessment of patient in home environment  
 Super Utilizer Stakeholder Symposium

goals:  
 reduce unnecessary EMS transports  
 reduce ED visits  
 reduce readmissions



#### 1. Community Paramedic Special Study

why a special study?  
 gathering of data  
 development of future education programs  
 required MCA approval and involvement

process  
 submit proposal  
 Quality Assurance Task Force (QATF) review  
 EMSCC recommendation to Department  
 approval to begin



#### 1. Community Paramedic Special Study

rural vs. urban  
 scope of practice  
 V.S.  
 assessments  
 review of discharge instructions  
 safety review of home

reimbursement for services



#### 2. Data Collection

2009 – [www.michigan.gov/ems](http://www.michigan.gov/ems)  
 Inside the EMS Section (MI-EMIS)  
 data collection required, not recommended

820 LSAs/137 “nevers” (16.7%)

“The Letter” – 9/5/14

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we get mail!



## 2. Data Collection

### role of MCA

data collection from every LSA  
annual reapproval of LSA?

### benefits of data submission

trends  
establishment of best practices  
successes and needs for improvement

goal: 100% compliance

Statute: 20910(1)(i)

Rules: 325.22114 325.22207(1)(h)



## 2. Data Collection

supported unanimously by all EMSCC member organizations:

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| MCEP        | MCA                     |
| MAAS        | MIEMSPA                 |
| IAFF        | MAFC                    |
| Air medical | SMEMSIC                 |
| MHA         | Consumer representative |



## 3. Declaratory Ruling Explanation Document

### The Declaratory Ruling – June 2009

[www.michigan.gov/ems](http://www.michigan.gov/ems)

Spotlight

Declaratory Rulings...  
interfacility transfers

### The Explanation Document – June 2009

geographic service area defined  
documented geographic service area



## 3. Declaratory Ruling Explanation Document

Administrative Rule 325.22103 states: "Service area means the geographic area in which a life support agency is licensed to provide emergency medical services for responding to an emergency."

The service area is designated by the Department on the agency's license...the MCA and/or the Department may require a life support agency (that is a new applicant or life support agency expanding its geographic service area) to provide a proposed 60-day staffing schedule to determine their ability to provide 24/7 operation and **a letter of support or agreement from the municipality/county/township(s) in which they are agreeing to provide 24/7 emergency response.**

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For life support agencies that are currently licensed, the MCA and/or the Department may request **a letter of support or agreement from the municipality/county/township(s) in which they are agreeing to provide 24/7 emergency response** OR evidence that the agency is providing 24/7 emergency response to their designated geographic service area.

EMS approval to operate within MCA  
still required

The Letter – July 2014



## 4. MI-POST Special Study Termination

special Study approved – July 2012  
three MCAs involved in study

data submission requirement  
quarterly reports submitted by MCA



4. MI-POST Special Study Termination

study termination decision – June 2014  
no data ever received from any MCA

MDCH-EMS support/oppose MI-POST  
no position

continued contact with MCAs

the rumor



Questions???

